

b) routing the bill having neither the first target denomination nor the second target denomination to an empty one of the first and second output receptacles if one of the output receptacles is empty and resetting the first target denomination to be the denomination of the bill if the bill is routed to the first output receptacle and resetting the second target denomination to be the denomination of the bill if the bill is routed to the second output receptacle.

325. The method of claim 324 wherein the counting and determining the denomination of the bills comprises counting and determining United States currency bills of a plurality of denominations.

326. The method of claim 324 wherein the counting and determining of the currency bills is performed independent of the size of the bills.

327. The method of claim 324 wherein the determining of the denomination of bills includes denominating currency bills of a plurality of denominations, genuine bills of the plurality of denominations having a plurality of images associated therewith, the plurality of images defining the plurality of denominations, and further including scanning the image associated with each of the bills and distinguishing among the plurality of denominations using the scanned image. --

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 164-327 have been added and Claims 2-163 have been cancelled. The amendment has not added new matter and the Applicants believe all the claims are in a condition for allowance.

The Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Rule §1.63(d)(2) Statement. The Rule §1.63(d)(2) Statement is a statement requesting the deletion of three individuals who are not inventors in this continuation application.

